THE VISIONS OF AARON

The SON of

ADRIEL,

Which He saw concerning the

RISE and FALL OF THE SISTER-NATIONS.

O thou that dwelleſt upon many Waters, abundant in Treaſures, thine End is come, and the Meaſure of thy Covetouſneſs.

JER. Chap. li. v. 13.

Thy Watchmen *are Blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb Dogs, they cannot Bark; ſleeping, lying down, loving to ſlumber; yea they are greedy Dogs, which can never have enough: They all look to their own Way, every one for his Gain from his Quarters.*

ISA. Chap. lvi. v. 10, 11.

The Leaders *of this People cauſe them to err, and they that are led of them are deſtroyed.*

Ibid. Chap. ix. v. 16.

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THE VISIONS OF *AARON*, &c.

THE Visions of AARON the Son of ADRIEL, which he saw concerning the Days to come, and the Years of Futurity, even the distant Ages which are yet afar off.

Which the Son of *Adriel* saw in the Days of his Captivity, when *Judah* was carried Captive by the *Romans*, even when the Remnant of *Israel* was dispersed Abroad over the Face of the Earth; when they had neither Place nor Nation left under Heaven, when *Jerusalem* was razed to the Foundation, and the Buildings thereof were made a Dunghill, even in the Reign of *Vespasian* the Emperor, when the Son of *Adriel* was Captive in *Rome*, that great City, the Mistress of the World.

As I *Aaron* the Son of *Adriel* was musing on the Banks of the *Tiber*, the Spirit came upon me, and my Mind was abstracted from Things past, and from Things present, and I saw in a Vision the Wonders of the Time to come.

And suddenly there appeared before me the Mighty GENIUS of *Rome*, and my Heart was filled with Awe and Reverence, for great was the Majesty of the *Phantom*.

And after him came two other *Phantoms*, of a gaudy and delicate Appearance, and inferiour Dignity; and they approached and communed with the *Genius*, and became acquainted with him, and he embraced them, and they all with one accord cried out "we will be Friends, and live together as "Brethren."

And I saw, and behold the Countenance of the *Genius* was immediately changed, and the Majesty thereof became De-

jectedneſs. He reclined his hoary Head on his Breaſt, and preſently his Bulk, which was Noble, and of a towering Height, far exceeding the Stature of the Giants of old, began to dwindle away, and to ſhrivel up till it became as a Dwarf among the common Race of Men.

And now this wondrous Object, which had excited Fear and Reverence within me, became contemptible before my Eyes; and while I was muſing on the ſtrange Metamorphoſes, behold a *Prieſtly Figure* appeared, ſuperſtitiouſly habited, his Crown ſhaven, his Beard long, and his Head uncovered. His Body was large, exceeding fat, unweildy, of a lazy Deportment, and he was cloathed with a loſe black Garment. He held the Croſs of the *Nazareens* in one Hand, and a Necklace of Beads in the other: And theſe Words were written on his Forehead in large and leaden Characters; namely,

IDLENESS, HYPOCRISY, IGNORANCE, SUPERSTITION.

And the *Figure* approached towards the *Genius*, and the two *Phantoms* his Friends; whereupon the *Genius* waxing fearful, would have eſcaped by Flight; but the two *Phantoms*, even his two falſe Friends, with whom he had ſo lightly aſſociated himſelf, laid Hands on him, and held him faſt, and delivered him up unto the *Phantom* with the Croſs and Necklace of Beads.

And this *Phantom* laid his Hands on the *Genius*, who at the Touch thereof immediately dwindled away more than before, and was ſhrivel'd up till he became ſmall as an Infant; and when he was thus reduced, the *Figure* ſwallowed up the *Genius*, even the Mighty and Warlike *Genius* of *Rome*.

But this devouring *Phantom* offered no Violence to the two other *Phantoms* who had betrayed the *Genius* into his Hands, for they ſeemed to be in League with him, and they and the *Prieſtly Figure* communed freely together, as one Friend communeth with another.

And while the three *Phantoms* were rejoicing becauſe of the Deſtruction of the *Genius*, behold a Chariot appeared, drawn by four wonderful Beaſts, whoſe Names were written in their Foreheads.

And the Name of the firſt was *Pride*, the Name of the ſecond *Avarice*, the Name of the third *Gluttony*, and the Name of the fourth was *Luſt*. Moreover there was another *Phantom* that drove the Chariot, and his Name was *Ambition*.

And the *Phantom* that devoured the *Genius*, and the two *Phantoms* which delivered him up, aſcended the Chariot and were

were drawn with great Swiftneſs towards the mighty City, even the City of *Rome*, crying out, as the Chariot drove away, "The World is given unto us, and the Glory thereof is ours."

And when they were gone, behold another Appearance. A glorious Youth, in Heavenly Rayment, of a lovely Aſpect, came to me, and *Beneficence* ſat in his Countenance.

And he ſpake affably unto me, and ſaid, "Son of *Adriel*, "knoweſt thou the Meaning of all that thou haſt ſeen?"

Then ſpake I unto the bright Appearance, ſaying, "No, "my Lord, I wot not the Meaning of all that I have ſeen; yet "this I know, that the mighty *Genius* of *Rome*, appeared be- "fore me; but the reſt is all a Myſtery unto thy Servant. "Nevertheleſs I know thou can'ſt ſhew me the meaning of all, "for ſurely thou art none other than the Meſſenger of "Heaven!"

And he anſwered and ſaid unto me, "I am *Ithuriel*, ſent "to communicate unto thee what ſhall happen unto this great "City, even unto *Rome*, the haughty Miſtreſs of the Earth; "and to ſhew thee alſo what great Things ſhall come to paſs "in the North, and in the Weſt; what mighty Nations ſhall "ariſe, Nations mightier than *Rome* herſelf, and alſo what "Revolutions ſhall happen among them.

"Thou ſaweſt the *Genius* of *Rome* alone, great, and fair, "and flouriſhing; but when two others came and aſſociated "with him, his Subſtance ſhrunk and dwindled away, his "Greatneſs left him, and he became contemptible in thy Sight.

"The two that came to him, were *Luxury*, the Offspring "of *Wealth*, and *Effeminacy* the Offspring of *Luxury*. Theſe "ſhall quickly ſink the Greatneſs of the *Roman* Empire, ſo "that *Rome* herſelf ſhall dwindle beneath the Nations that are "now numbered among her Provinces. Her Sons, once the "the Terror and the Lords of the Earth, ſhall fall into a ge- "neral Diſſoluteneſs of Manners, and ſhall become a Prey to "every Invader.

"Theſe Things ſhall quickly come to paſs, for the Meaſure "of the *Roman* Iniquity is already full, and her Judgment is "not afar off.

"And in thoſe Days the *Nazareens* ſhall Increaſe and Mul- "tiply exceedingly, and ſpread themſelves over the Face of the "whole Earth. But they ſhall degenerate in Proportion as "they proſper; Corruption ſhall Increaſe with them, and "they ſhall devour one another by their Diviſions and Secta- "ries: The Spirit of Perſecution ſhall ſeize them, and in the "Heat of their Zeal ſhall they eat one another up.

"Thou ſaweſt a *Prieſtly Figure* advance towards the *Ge-*

nius

" *nius* of *Rome*, already corrupted and brought low by *Luxury* " and *Effeminacy*; and ſwallow the *Genius* up. He is called " the Monk*, of a Sect of the *Nazareens* more powerful than " all the others."

" He ſhall compleat the Deſtruction of *Rome* by the Help of " four evil Spirits, whoſe Names thou ſaweſt written in his " Forehead. Theſe Miniſter unto him, and are the Execu- " tioners of all his Purpoſes; and by their Means ſhall he ſub- " due the Nations of the Earth, and tread upon the Necks of " Kings.

" *Rome* herſelf ſhall be the firſt to bow down her Neck un- " to the Yoak, and the *Monk* ſhall ſink her Majeſty and the " Might of her Empire into Infamy everlaſting: Her Glory " ſhall he bury in Oblivion, and he ſhall become the Scorn " and the Contempt of the Nations around her, becauſe the " ſhamefulneſs of her Bondage, and the Slaviſhneſs of her Sub- " jection to the Monk.

" And the Empire of the Monk ſhall ſpread and be extend- " ed over many Nations. The Heathen ſhall he ſubdue with " his Beads, his Preachings, his Phylacteries, his falſe Mira- " cles, his falſe Doctrines, and his Jugglings; and where theſe " fail, he ſhall make uſe of the Sword, and of all Kinds of " Force, until he ſhall have ſubdued many Empires and King- " doms, and Dominions, and Provinces.

" For his Thirſt after Power ſhall be inſatiable: As for the " *Nazareens* which ſhall refuſe to bow down their Necks unto " his Yoak, and to worſhip the Toe of his Slipper, them ſhall " he perſecute with the Sword, and with Fire, and with the " Rack, and with all the horrid Inſtruments that Cruelty, and " Pride, and Enthuſiaſm, and burning Zeal can deviſe, until " he hath trampled all Oppoſition under his Feet; until all " Senſe, and Reaſon, and Learning, and Juſtice, and all Arts " and Sciences ſhall be laid in the Duſt.

" For his Empire ſhall be founded in Ignorance and Oppreſ- " ſion, and by the ſame ſhall it be upheld, until Ignorance " ſhall be no more, even until the laſt Ages of the World."

And while *Ithuriel* was ſpeaking theſe Things unto me, my Heart waxed heavy with me, and my Spirit became troubled, yea my Soul was grieved, becauſe of the Deſolation of Mankind.

And I ſaid unto him, " Alas! my Lord, ſhall then the " Empire of the Monk be extended over all the Nations of the " Earth? God forbid! ſurely the Lord will not permit that " the whole Creation be ſubverted."

Then ſaid *Ithuriel* unto me, " Son of *Adriel*, what ſeeſt " thou towards the Weſt?" And I anſwered and ſaid, " Lo

* The Church of *Rome* in General.

" I ſee

" I ſee the *Tiber* extended as it were the Sea; and a large " Iſland ariſeth out of it; and a thick, dark Cloud hangeth " over the Iſland, ſpreading itſelf on all Sides beyond the Li- " mits thereof."

And while I yet ſpake behold the Sun began to ſhine over the Iſland, and the Rays thereof were exceeding bright, and they pierced the Cloud, and diſperſed it Abroad, until the Sun ſhone clearly on the Iſland: Then I ſaw that every thing appeared wondrous pleaſant thereon, and Nature ſeemed to rejoice becauſe the Cloud was diſperſed, and becauſe of the Preſence of the Sun Beams.

And *Ithuriel* ſaid unto me, " *Aaron*, I will now explain to " thee the Iſland thou ſeeſt, and the Meaning of the Cloud.

" There is at this Day a Nation which inhabiteth an Iſland " afar off, in the Weſt, and towards the North; but this Na- " tion is yet of little Note among other Nations.

" Nevertheleſs the Ambition of *Rome* hath carried her Arms " thither, and the Iſland at this Day groaneth beneath her " Yoke; and the Name of the Iſland is *Commercia*.

" The *Nazareens* have as yet no footing there; howbeit it " ſhall at length be ſubjected to the Power of the Monk, and " he ſhall tyrannize there until all the People cry out grievouſly " becauſe of the Oppreſſion.

" Moreover he ſhall keep them in Blindneſs and Ignorance; " yea, they ſhall grope in the thick Darkneſs of Bigotry, and " wander in the Fog of Superſtition, unenlightened by Reaſon, " and Science, Strangers to Wiſdom, and Slaves to their own " Folly.

" This is the Meaning of the Cloud thou ſaweſt overſpread- " ing the Iſland; yet ſhall not the Condition of this Nation be " worſe than the Condition of the Neighbouring Nations, for " altogether ſhall be enveloped in that lamentable Darkneſs, " which ſhall diſtinguiſh the Empire of the Monk from all " other Empires.

" Nevertheleſs, as thou ſaweſt the Sun diſperſe the Cloud " of thick Darkneſs which hung over the Iſland, ſo alſo, when " the Lord ſhall have enlightened the Underſtandings of the " *Commercians*, and opened their Eyes that they may ſee their " own Miſery and the Cauſe thereof, ſo alſo, I ſay, ſhall the " Empire of the Monk be deſtroyed in *Commercia*, yea, his " Power ſhall vaniſh thence as a Cloud, and flee away as a Va- " pour; nor ſhall the ſmalleſt Footſteps thereof be found in the " Land, after the Lord ſhall have opened the Eyes of the Peo- " ple, and enlightened their Underſtandings.

" Then ſhall this People be diſtinguiſhed as the Favourites of

" Heaven.

" Heaven. Their Land ſhall be called the Land of Liberty,
" the Paradiſe of the Earth, and the Garden of God. For
" he ſhall make the Inhabitants thereof wiſe above all Nations;
" and they ſhall cultivate the Talents that he ſhall bleſs them
" with.

" Their Kings ſhall not tyrannize, their Nobles ſhall not
" oppreſs; their Laws ſhall be juſt, their Magiſtrates upright
" and active, their Preachers ſhall be holy and wiſe, their Sol-
" diers valiant and brave; and all the People ſhall be Patriots,
" Lovers of their Country, Jealous of its Honour, Proſperity
" and Freedom.

" Their Lands ſhall be fertile through Nature, and rich
" through the Skill of the Husbandman; their Cities ſhall be
" made wealthy by the Induſtry of the Merchant, and the
" Seas covered with the Multitude of their Ships: All Nations
" admiring their Virtues, ſhall ſtand in Fear of their Power,
" while they value their Friendſhip, and court their Alliance.

" In this happy Iſland, Oh! *Aaron*, ſhall Millions of thy
" Fellow-Creatures freely worſhip the Lord their God, ac-
" cording to the Word of his Commandments, and the Voice
" of that Reaſon which God hath given them, that their wor-
" ſhip may be ſolid and rational. Nor ſhall the Monk any
" more pervert their Underſtandings with the Fooliſhneſs of
" his Inventions."

Now while *Ithuriel* was yet ſpeaking, and while my Face was yet ſet againſt the Weſt, and towards the North, I ſaw and behold the Main-Land over-againſt the Eaſt-Side of the Iſland, became Marſh-Land before my Eyes, even that which had been fallow Ground, and good Paſture, was changed into a wet Moraſs.

And ſuddenly the Marſhy Ground was divided by Ditches, and by Trenches, and by Canals, into innumerable Parcels, and the Water ran off into the Ditches, ſo that the Reſidue of the Land became dry, even all the Parcels that were divided, as Fields for Paſture.

And as I was about to Queſtion the Heavenly Interpreter that ſtood by me concerning this Transformation, I ſaw yet a greater Wonder.

For anon there aroſe innumerable Towns, and Cities, and Villages, and Caſtles, and Palaces, out of the Earth, and all the Buildings remained firm upon the Parcels of Land that were divided by the Ditches, and Trenches, and Canals.

And the Cities, and Towns, and all the Buildings were full of Inhabitants, and the Canals were covered with Ships and with ſmall Veſſels, and there was a great Buſtling to and fro,

and

and a mighty Appearance of Trade and Industry among the People. Moreover there seemed to be a great Affinity between these People and the Inhabitants of the Island: For the two Nations communed together by Means of their Ships, and formed an Alliance, so that each looked on the other as her Sister-Nation.

Then said *Ithuriel* unto me, "give Ear Oh! *Asaph*, and "thou shalt understand the Meaning of this other Nation which "thou hast seen arise out of nothing.

"The Land which thou saweſt changed from sound Land to "a Morass, and afterwards divided and drained by Ditches and "Canals into many Parcels, and on which a Multitude of Ci-"ties, and even a whole People arose; this is a Mighty Nation "which shall in Process of Time arise out of the Empire of "the Monk, whose Cruelties and Idolatries, shall cause this "People to become a free Nation; and it shall be called *Coalitia*.

"Now the Country of the *Coalitians* being in the Neigh-"bourhood of *Commercia*, subsisting on the same Principles, "and upheld by the same Interest, shall be linked together in "Amity. They shall grow and flourish together, and be "called the *Sister-Nations*.

"And these two Countries shall be to each other as a Buck-"ler, and a Shield of Defence; in War shall they assist one an-"other, and the one shall not make Peace without the other.

"To them shall be given the Trade of all the Earth, their "Subjects shall grow rich by Commerce, their Ships of War "shall protect them by Water, and their valiant Soldiers by "Land.

"Them shall none dare to offend, nor shall their Enemies "be able to prevail against them. Freedom shall reign in their "Courts, and Liberty shall rule in their Cities. They shall be "social among themselves, and Friends unto all Men, even to "all the Nations of the Earth: Yea they shall be called the "Protectors of Mankind, Guardians of the World, and the "Liberties thereof.

"And the *Commercians* shall be called Lords of the Deep, "and the *Coalitians* shall be stiled High and Mighty Lords."

And while *Ithuriel* yet spake I looked and saw on the Main Land, on the South side beyond the Country of *Coalitia*, a fair and large Country, fruitful in all Things, both in the Produce of the Earth, and in Inhabitants: And the People, abounding in all Things, seemed to want for nothing.

Albeit I saw the Men of this Country gather themselves together against the *Coalitians*, to dispossess them of their Cities, and to drive them from their Habitations: And I marvelled greatly at the Sight, for without Provocation did these Men

(albeit they wanted for nought in their own Country) fall upon the *Coalitians* in great Numbers, and they prevailed against them and drove them from their Poſſeſſions.

Then ſaid I unto the Celeſtial one that ſtood by me, "Let "thy Servant I pray thee know who theſe Diſturbers of their "Neighbours are."

And he anſwered and ſaid, "theſe are the *Gallians*, an An- "cient and Mighty Nation, who waxing Wanton thro' the "Greatneſs of their Power, ſhall ſeek to ſubdue and to root "out all the Nations around them. And they ſhall prevail "againſt many becauſe of their Sins: For the Lord ſhall raiſe "up the *Gallians* to be a Scourge, to ſcourge the Nations of the "Earth, when they forget the Lord their God, and work "Wickedneſs in his Sight.

"And it ſhall come to paſs in the latter Days, which are yet "afar off, when the *Gallians* ſhall have humbled and ſubdued "many Countries, that they ſhall ſet their Faces againſt the "*Coalitians*, and ſhall take their fenced Cities, and their ſtrong "Holds, and ſhall bring the whole Nation exceeding low, "becauſe of their Abominations before the Lord.

"And in thoſe Days there ſhall be War alſo between the "*Commercians* and the *Gallians*; for the Men of *Commercia* "ſhall ſend forth their Armies to fight the Battles of the *Coali-* "*tians*; but they ſhall not prevail againſt the *Gallians*, as in "Times paſt they prevailed againſt them, when the Lord was "with *Commercia*: For the God of Holineſs and Wiſdom ſhall "abandon the *Commercians* becauſe of their Degeneracy, their "Wickedneſs and their Folly.

"As the Siſter-Nations roſe and flouriſhed together by their "Wiſdom and their Virtue, ſo ſhall they decline and periſh to- "gether, becauſe of their Corruption and Degeneracy.

"Therefore ſhall the Armies of the two Nations be diſcom- "fitted in the Day of Battle, and flee from the Face of their "Enemies, ſhutting themſelves up in their fenced Cities and "ſtrong Holds.

"Nevertheleſs the fenced Cities and the ſtrong Holds ſhall "not be able to protect them; for they ſhall be given up to the "Captains of the King of *Gallia*: And no Place ſhall be found "ſtrong enough to keep them out.

"Howbeit the Iſland of *Commercia* itſelf ſhall not quickly "fall into the Hands of the *Gallians*, becauſe it is an Iſland and "defended by the Sea, and by the Ships of War.

"But the Men of *Commercia* ſhall be humbled and brought "low in the Eyes of other Nations, yea even in their own Eyes "ſhall they fall into Contempt, becauſe the God of their Fore- "fathers, who went out with their Armies to Battle, ſhall have "forſaken them.

"For

" For because of their Abominations shall he forsake them,
" yea because of their Misdeeds, their Corruptions, their Back-
" slidings, and all their evil Ways shall he turn his Back on
" them, and deliver them up to the Power of their Enemies.
" Thus, Oh! *Aaron*, thus Transitory is the Earthly King-
" doms: Thus short is the Date of Human Prosperity.
" Stability is not in earthly Things; yet all that happeneth
" beneath the Sun is regular, for the Lord God governeth. All
" Things pass before him in the Rotation that he hath appointed,
" one Event succeeding another, and one Revolution following
" another.
" *Babylon* is not, *Assyria* is not, and where is the Empire of
" the *Medes* and *Persians*? Where is the Boundless Dominion
" of the *Greeks*, and where is the Mighty Kingdom of *Egypt*?
" Even *Rome* herself is falling from her lofty Pinnacle of Glory;
" the barbarous Nations shall triumph in her Shame, and *Gallia*
" rise in Splendour from her Ruins.
" *Gallia* shall be what *Rome* is now, but her Empire shall
" endure longer. Short is the Life of a Republick, the constant
" Prey of Ambition of her own Sons, whose Liberties lead to
" Faction, Corruption, Revolutions, and Ruin.
" But Monarchies shall endure for a longer Season. The
" Subject envieth not the King, but the Son succeedeth the
" Father in Peace. Howbeit all Things are subject to the King
" of Kings who reigneth in Heaven, yea over all Things both
" above and below."

And when *Ithuriel* had made an End of speaking, I answered and said unto him, " is *Gallia* then more Righteous than the " Nations around her, that the Lord shall thus bend their Necks " under her Feet, and permit her to tread them in the Dust?"

Then said *Ithuriel*, " *Gallia* shall be more Righteous than " the Nations whom she shall afflict, inasmuch as her Sons shall " not degenerate from the Virtue of their Forefathers, nor idly " neglect the Advantages that God shall cast in their Way.
" For albeit her King is a Tyrant, and maketh his People " Slaves, Hewers of Wood, and Drawers of Water; albeit " they are subject to the spiritual Empire of the Monk, and live " in Ignorance and Superstition, yet the Lord permitteth this, " and therefore he will require nought from their Hands beyond " the Ability he hath given them.
" Therefore I say unto thee, the Lord shall prosper *Gallia*, " and lengthen out her Empire to an exceeding great Length: " And she shall be as a Rod in the Hand of God to chastize the " Wickedness of perverse and rebellious Nations.
" But the *Commercians*, and the *Coalitians*, whom he shall " have blessed beyond all Nations, showering down upon them

" the Bleſſings of Liberty, Riches, and Plenty; what Returns
" are not due from them? What Ingratitude! O! Son of
" *Adriel*, if, ſpurning at their bounteous Benefactor, they ſquan-
" der away the Bleſſings he gave them, and turn to evil Pur-
" poſes the Talents he entruſted them with for their Improve-
" ments in all Things praiſe-worthy.

" And this ſhall aſſuredly come to paſs when the ſecond *Au-*
" *guſtus* ſhall reign in *Commercia*. A Generation ſhall then
" ariſe whom their Forefathers would be aſhamed to own, be-
" cauſe of the Corruption of their Morals, and the Degeneracy
" of their Manners.

" A like Generation alſo at the ſame time ſhall ariſe in *Co-*
" *alitia*, Men abandoned to Vice, and Strangers to the Wiſ-
" dom and Virtue of their Anceſtors. Men of ſordid Deſires,
" having their Souls ſubjected and enſlaved thereto. Men re-
" gardleſs of the Voice of God in their own Conſciences, call-
" ing upon them to quit themſelves like Men in Defence of
" Glorious Privileges their Forefathers knew how to value,
" and even, if need were, to die for.

" Thus, as the Siſter Nations aroſe together, and together
" improved in Virtue and Wiſdom; as together they flouriſhed
" and increaſed in Glory, and Power, and Happineſs; ſo toge-
" ther ſhall they degenerate, and ſink into Diſhonour, Infamy,
" and Ruin.

" Inſtead of the Wiſdom, and Bravery, and Integrity which
" diſtinguiſhed the *Commercians* in the Days of *Eliza*, there
" ſhall be neither Wiſdom, nor Bravery, nor Integrity found
" in the Reign of *Auguſtus*.

" As for the King himſelf, *Auguſtus* is his Name, and Ho-
" neſty is with him, valiant and upright in his Heart, and ſim-
" ple * is his Soul. But what availeth Honeſty without Ge-
" nius, and Bravery without Diſcernment? Simplicity of Heart,
" and Integrity of Soul are Virtues indeed, but theſe alone form
" not the Statesman, neither do they conſtitute the Monarch.

" The King that hath Penetration ſeeth into the Ways of
" Men, and diſcerneth their Characters. He ſearched out their
" ſecret Views, he diveth into their inmoſt Thoughts, he ſa-
" thometh the Depth of their Abilities, and truſteth only in him
" that hath Merit.

" Such was *David* of old, and *Solomon* his Son; ſuch *Alfred*
" and *Eliza*; ſuch *Cromwell*, ſirnamed the Uſurper, who like

* In the original *Arabic* this Word is Equivocal, and might have been rendered *Artleſs*, *Undeſigning*, *Well-meaning*, &c. But the Tranſlator hath preferred *Simple*, as moſt agreeable to the Author's Style.

" *Zimri*

" *Zimri* knew not Peace because he slew his Master. But such
" as these shall not be found in the House of ******.

" Moreover the Wickedness and Corruption, and Folly, and
" Degeneracy of the *Commercians* in the Days of *Augustus*
" shall be such, that neither the Wisdom of *Alfred*, nor the
" Cunning of *Cromwell* would suffice to find a wise and cunning
" Man among all that come in and go out before the King.

" Therefore shall *Augustus* himself be found Blameless, inas-
" much as he could find none to trust in but such as he could find;
" and where all is Evil, there shall no Man discover Righteousness.

" For in those Days the Nobles in *Commercia* shall be Spirit-
" less, Vulgar, Vicious, and Effeminate. The Statesmen, ig-
" norant, dishoneſt and self-interested; Men of no Genius; at
" Home despised, and Abroad laughed to Scorn.

" Men hating Study, but for their own Advancement; and
" Labour, but for the Promotion of their Dependants, making
" to themselves Friends of the Mammon of Unrighteousness.
" Men, Regardless of their Country's Welfare, leaving the
" Duties of their Office to Clerks and Underlings, and the Bu-
" siness of the State to Chances and Accidents.

" Their Counsellors shall be Dependants and Parasites, speak-
" ing nothing but soft Things and agreeable, saying all is well,
" where nothing is well, thereby smoothering the Way to Evil
" and to Destruction.

" Their Patriots, once the Glory of their Nation, and an
" Honour to the NATURE of MAN, shall then be a Disgrace
" to their Species, so that better Men shall say, *in whom now*
" *can we trust, since all are gone astray, are corrupt, and become*
" *abominable? We took them for Gods among Men, and lo!*
" *they are all* CHEATS, *and* HYPOCRITES, LIARS, *and*
" TRAITORS. Virtue *and* Honour *dwell on their* Tongues,
" *but* Dishonour *and* Vice *are found in their* Hearts.

" Their Senators shall be *Fools* and *Debauchees*, *Hirelings* and
" *Slaves*; their Judges Mercenary, insolent, and unlearned;
" their Magistrates covetous, lazy, sottish, cowardly, and void
" of Publick Spirit.

" Their Soldiers shall be impious, Drunkards, Blasphemers,
" abandoned to all kinds of Sensuality, their Minds relaxing,
" and their Bodies enervating by their Vices, wherefore how shall
" they defend themselves or their Country in the Day of Battle?

" Moreover the Majority of the People of all Ranks and
" Conditions, shall sink into the general Corruption; yea all,
" save a few, shall be Sharers in the National Degeneracy:
" Slaves unto Vice and Luxury, Sloth and Effeminacy.

" Sensuality shall reign over them as a Tyrant, and rule them
" with

" with a Power not to be controuled by the preaching of the " Preachers; for albeit many shall preach good Things unto " them, yet none shall be regarded.

" For in these Days of Profligacy, Men shall be vain of their " own Understanding, despising the Word and the Servants " of God: Yea they shall deride the Priests of the Lord, say- " ing to one another, *wherefore regard we these* Babblers, *and* " *the Crassness of their Preachings? Do we not live in the Age* " *of Improvement? have we not Learning ourselves, and are* " *we not skilled in Philosophy?*

" Thus shall Men make themselves drunk with the Fumes " of their own Vanity. They shall indeed go into the Tem- " ple of God, they shall sit them down, they shall take Snuff, " they shall bow to one another, they shall peep through Glasses, " they shall rise up to pray, they shall lean on their Elbows, " they shall sit down to Sleep.

" Nevertheless all shall not sleep in the Tabernacle; For " some, being Men of lively Fancies, shall give Ear to the " Preacher, admire his Eloquence, and applaud his Capacity: " Howbeit they shall go away and forget all, for albeit many " shall approve, yet few shall amend.

" Such shall be the *Commercians* in the Days of *Augustus*. " Wherefore God shall let loose his Vengeance against them, " and shall plague them with Wars, and Rebellions, and Mur- " ders, so that both Man and Beast shall fall, the one by the " Sword, the other by the Pestilence.

" This shall be the State, these shall be the Judgments of the " *Commercians* in the Reign of *Augustus*; and they shall be " humbled before their Enemies, and become a Derision a- " mong the Nations of the Earth.

" But the Judgments that shall befal the *Coalitians* in those " Days, shall be yet greater than the Judgments that shall befal " the *Commercians*.

" For these shall be brought low by the Weakness and Folly " of their Statesmen, their Magistrates, and their Rulers; but " the *Coalitians* shall fall by their gross Wickedness, even by " Wickedness far exceeding the Wickedness of their Neigh- " bours the *Commercians*.

" For the latter shall insensibly be decoyed and betrayed into " Wickedness by Luxury, and a gradual Declension of Man- " ners, so that they shall the less clearly see their own Defor- " mity. They shall only sell themselves to one another, and " Barter away their own Liberties piecemeal among themselves.

" But the *Coalitians* shall at once plunge into the lowest " Depth of Villany. Unseduced by Luxury, or the bewitch- " ing Allurements of Sensuality; uninvited by Necessity the Off-

" spring

" spring of Profusion, untempted by the Cravings of Super-
" fluity and Magnificence, unmoved by any Passion but AVA-
" RICE INSATIABLE, they shall sell themselves to Destruction,
" yea they shall purchase Ruin with their Eyes open.

" Thou shalt not want Strength, O! *Gealitia*, but thou shalt
" fall, yea wilfully, into the Pit of thine own Wickedness.

" Thy Country shall be bought and sold, to thy deadly,
" thy ancient and open Enemy. Thy great Men in whom thou
" trustest, shall sell thee, yea they shall sell themselves for Money;
" they shall bind themselves in Chains of Gold, they shall be-
" come Slaves for Hire, until no more Money shall be given,
" and then they shall be made to bow down their Necks to the
" Oppressor, and to serve the Tyrant for nought.

" Nevertheless many shall repent them when it is too late,
" and shall take Counsel together, saying, *let us take no more*
" *Money for Bribes, for behold when all is sold, the Corruptor*
" *shall take from us the* Price *of our* Iniquity, *and make us*
" *Hewers of Wood and Drawers of Water with the rest of the*
" People *who are sold, and we shall all be Slaves together unto a*
" People *whom our Souls Hate.*

" Nevertheless these Men shall not see their Folly, nor re-
" pent them of their Knavery, till it is too late. And when
" the CORRUPTOR shall perceive their wavering, he shall send
" forth his Armies to destroy and to lay waste, to take from them
" their Possessions, and to carry the People away Captive into
" a strange Land.

" And in those Days who shall Pity, who shall arise to de-
" fend the *Gealitians*? For all Men shall say, *they have sold*
" *themselves, and let the* Purchaser *take what he hath purchased.*

" Nevertheless the *Commercians* shall go forth to help them,
" for their own Sakes, and because of the War that shall be
" between *Commercia* and the *Gallians*: But they shall not be
" able to prevail against the *Gallians* because of their Folly:
" For in those Days the *Gallians* shall be the wise People, and
" the *Commercians* foolish.

" Moreover they shall be unable to maintain such Mighty
" Armies as the King of *Gallia* shall maintain, because he hath
" the Command of all the Wealth of his Subjects, and when
" he asketh Money, no Man can say him nay: Moreover the
" Expences of the War shall be rendered light unto him, be-
" cause of his Conquests.

" But Money shall fall short among the *Commercians*, be-
" cause of the evil Management of the K---'s Treasures, yea
" their Money shall fail for want of Economy: Moreover
" they shall neglect the Advantages that God hath given them
" as an Island, and shall forget the Use of their Ships, by which

" their

" their Forefathers became Mighty among the Nations, by " which the wife *Cromwell* advanced his Name among the " Powers of the Earth, and humbled the Pride of Kings.

" Yea the *Commercians* shall despise these Advantages, and the " Money that should uphold their Shipping, shall they squander " away upon useless Armies, which they shall keep Abroad to " be destroyed by the Sword, and by Sickness, and by Famine.

" This, O! *Aaron*, shall be the State of the Sister-Nations " in the Days of their Degeneracy; and great shall be their " Punishment for a long Season; yea the Wrath of the Lord " shall be hot against them, and he shall not relent until they " make an Attonement for their Sins and for their Folly, put- " ing away their Abominations, their Degeneracy and Corrup- " tion from among them."

And when *Ithuriel* had made an End of speaking, I said unto him, " tell me I pray thee how long shall the Sword of " *Gallia* triumph, and how long shall it be e'er the Glory of " the Sister-Nations shall be restored?"

Then answered he saying, " When the *Coalitians* shall abo- " lish the Form of their Government, and shall for ever root " out their corrupt Rulers, then peradventure they shall be " rescued from the Power of their Enemies: Albeit they shall " never be able to recover all that the *Gallians* shall take from " them, unless they purchase back their Possessions at a mighty " Price, and by a Peace that shall be shameful, and with the " Loss of many Privileges.

" As for the *Commercians* they shall be humbled to the very " Dust, and their Punishment shall last till they are inured to " their Shame, and shall forget that ever it was not so.

" And this shall be their State till a King shall arise among " them full of Wisdom, and Courage, and Virtue, and Reso- " lution, to preside in their Councils, and go forth with their " Armies; to discountenance Vice at Home, to subdue their " Enemies Abroad; to enforce the Laws, to encourage Merit, " to distinguish the deserving Man from the Fool, the design- " ing Knave, and the fawning Parasite.

" When a King with a Genius shall sit on the Throne, a " King in whom shall be united the *Judgment* of ALFRED, " the *Integrity* of GEORGE, the *Humanity* of FREDERICK, " and the *Bravery* of WILLIAM, then shall the Glory of the " *Commercians* revive, and they shall again become a Mighty " People.——Albeit when such a King shall arise it is not given " thee to know: Nevertheless do thou treasure up these Things " in thine Heart, and write them in a Book, for the Time " shall come when the Knowledge thereof shall be communi- " cated unto the Sons of Men.

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